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Editor—"A country that steals another's military secrets cannot be trusted," reports Mrs. Florence Whitney (Letters, February 20). And I would hasten to agree.

However, it grieves me to have to add that the U.S. maintains what is known as the CIA—Central Intelligence Agency—which has, as part of its regular duties, the job of stealing military secrets from other countries.

I hope Mrs. Whitney's trust in our great Nation will be able to survive this knowledge—though she may find it necessary, as I have, to differentiate between the Nation itself and certain aspects of its government.

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